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Local School District Endorses Measure A

RIVERSIDE, CA – With the June 4 Riverside municipal election approaching, Alvord Unified School District Governing Board (“Alvord”) adopted a resolution in support of Measure A. Measure A reauthorizes the transfer of a fixed percentage of water fund revenues into the City’s general fund for essential city services, including programs that support local schools.

Alvord is one of two school districts located within the City of Riverside. Alvord has fourteen elementary schools; four traditional middle schools; two comprehensive high schools, and one continuation high school with an adult education program.

“The City recognizes that our schools have weathered some tough times recently” said Riverside Mayor Rusty Bailey. “Measure A funds would allow the city to continue financial support to help maintain safety in our local schools.”

Should Measure A fail, the City will be forced to cut key services that support our schools, including the elimination of all crossing guards, and cutting school resource officer funding. Other potential cuts include the 311 system, youth swimming lessons at local pools, half the funding for the Janet Goeske Senior Center, and the citywide Wi-Fi program.

“Riverside is a community that works together” said Art Kaspereen, Jr., President of the Alvord Unified School District Board of Education. “Without these funds our schools stand to lose needed funds used for programs to help keep our kids safe.”

Riverside voters have voted three times to allow the transfer, and Measure A simply reaffirms these previous voter actions. The transfer of a fixed percentage of water funds revenues will continue if more than 50 percent of voters casting ballots vote “yes” on Measure A. If the measure does not receive a majority vote, the City Council will have to cut \$6.7 million from

the 2013-14 budget and take a similar amount from the city's roughly \$40 million in reserves to finish out the 2012-13 budget.

Riverside voters should have their ballots by now. They must be returned by June 4. The election is being conducted by mail; there is no polling place voting. If Measure A were to fail, the exact cuts would be determined by the City Council next month.

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